

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-4, 6, and 13-21 are pending in this application. As indicated above, Claims 2, 5, and 7-12 have been cancelled, Claims 1, 3-4, 6, 13, 15-18, and 20 have been amended, and Claim 21 has been newly added.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-2, 4-5, 13-15, and 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Yamakita* (U.S. 5,956,681) (hereinafter referred to as *Yamakita I*), Claims 3, 6, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Yamakita I* in view of *Yamakita* (U.S. 6,148,287) (hereinafter referred to as *Yamakita II*), and Claims 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Yamakita I* in view of *Yamakita II*, and further in view of *Jacobs et al.* (U.S. 5,956,683).

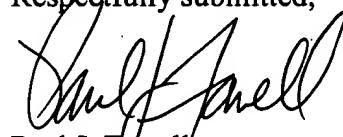
As indicated above, the Examiner has rejected independent Claims 1, 4, 13, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Yamakita I*. More specifically, the Examiner asserts that *Yamakita I* teaches all the recitations of Claims 1, 4, and 13. However, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner is incorrect.

Independent Claims 1, 4, and 13 each recite receiving, in a called party mobile phone, a voice signal from a calling party through a base station. Additionally, in each of these claims, all the conversions of the voice signal, i.e., voice signal to voice data and voice data to character data, are performed within the called party mobile phone. However, in *Yamakita I*, a voice signal is input to a calling phone by the user, not transmitted to a called phone from the base station. Further, all the conversions in *Yamakita I* are performed in a speech control host unit 108, which is located on the base station side, not within the called party mobile phone. Furthermore, in *Yamakita I*, because the voice signals are converted on the base station side, i.e., in the speech control host unit 108, the voice signals to be converted would never be transmitted to the called party mobile phone from the base station as is recited in Claims 1, 4, and 13 of the present application. Accordingly, it is respectfully

submitted that the Examiner is incorrect in rejecting Claims 1, 4, and 13 as being anticipated by *Yamakita I*, and it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claims 1, 4, and 13 be withdrawn.

As independent Claims 1, 4, and 13 are now believed to be in condition for allowance, it is believed that dependent Claims 3, 6, and 14-21 are also in condition for allowance as being dependent upon independent Claims 1, 4, and 13, respectively.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1, 3-4, 6, and 13-21 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions, he is requested to contact the undersigned at the number indicated below. Early and favorable consideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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